

道成了肉身

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信經的這句是要談及道成肉身的信仰（doctrine of incarnation）

認信：為了我們的罪，上帝甘願成為我們中間的一位，為我們被釘在十字架上。在基督身上，我們看見上帝的本體真像，也看見人的完美的樣式。更重要地，在基督身上我們明白到何為認同與承擔。

（一）「道成肉身」的內容

1. 伯利恆誕生的嬰孩是神
 - 約翰福音 1:1-5, 14, 16-18
 - 歌羅西書 1:15-20
 - 希伯來書 1:1-4
2. 伯利恆誕生的嬰孩是神成為人
 - 腓立比書 2:5-11
3. 伯利恆誕生的嬰孩是為我們被釘在十字架上的神
 - 彼得前書 2:22-24

（二）「道成肉身」的意義

1. 只要不承認耶穌是神，我們便不再需要對他認真：「他只不過是一個人。」
2. 只要不承認耶穌也是一個完完全全的人，我們便可以在罪中向神控訴：「你是神，你當然可以！」
3. 只要不承認永生神甘願與罪人認同，我們也就不會承擔我們身邊的人的軟弱。
4. 為首的作僕人：領袖的典範。

God Incarnate

Apostle's Creed: Conceived by the Holy Spirit and Born of Virgin Mary

The focus of this article is to the doctrine of incarnation.

Confession: For the sake of our sin, God became one among us and died on the cross. In the person of Jesus we find the true representation of God and perfect humanity. Above all, from Jesus we come to understand the meaning of solidarity and commitment.

The Meaning of Incarnation

1. *The baby born at Bethlehem was God*
 - John 1:1-5, 14, 16-18
 - Col 1:15-20
 - Heb 1:1-4
2. *The baby born at Bethlehem was God made man*
 - Phil 2:5-11
3. *Born to die*
 - 1 Pet 2:22-24

The Significance of Incarnation

1. By discounting the divinity of Jesus, we no longer need to take him seriously.
2. By discounting the humanity of Jesus, we can then protest in our sin, "Of course he can do it, he is God."
3. By discounting how deeply God is committed to his creatures despite their weakness and ugliness, we no longer need to be committed to the weaknesses of those around us.
4. Servant leadership: leading without power